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Docket No.: D/A0833 (1508/3160)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants	:	Michelle Q. Wang Baldonado et al.)	Examiner:
)	Djenane M. Bayard
Serial No.	:	09/717,303)	
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Cnfrm. No.	:	8448)	2141
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Filed	:	November 22, 2000)	Date:
)	May 9, 2005
For	:	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR)	
		MANAGING A COMPUTER-MEDIATED)	
		DISCUSSION FORUM)	

AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the November 10, 2004, office action, please consider the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper

As provided in the Specification on page 2, line 32, to page 3, lines 14, the present invention advantageously uses a combination of rules and tracking to monitor discussions within a forum, and then subsequently suggest and establish a new forum based on demand. Specifically, the claimed invention monitors one or more information streams until satisfaction of one or more rules is obtained. Upon satisfaction of one or more rules, a group of recipients are notified that a rule has been satisfied and requests authorization from the predetermined group of recipients to create a new forum. Upon an indication from one or more of the predetermined group of recipients that a new forum is desired, the systems and methods of the invention establish a new forum and optionally notify the participating users that the new forum has been established. Contrary to the teachings of the references, the users of the forum are not required to initiate the querying of users or the creation of a new forum. Thus, the present invention advantageously creates less load on the user.

Accordingly, in view of the foregoing remarks, the Office is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections of claims 1, 9, 17 and 26. Because claims 2-8, 27, 31 35, and 39-41 depend from and contain the limitations of claim 1, claims 10-16, 28, 32, 36, and 42-44 depend from and contain the limitations of claim 9, claims 18-25, 29, 33, 37, and 45-47 depend from and contain the limitations of claim 17, and claims 30, 34, 38, and 48-50 depend from and contain the limitations of claim 26, they are patentable in the same manner as claims 1, 9, 17 and 26.

In view of all of the foregoing, Applicant submit that this case is in condition for allowance and such allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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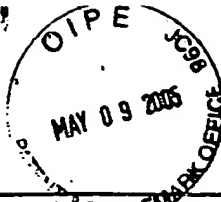
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<p>This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.</p> <p>The requested extension and appropriate entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):</p> <table><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) - (\$60/\$120)</td><td>\$ _____</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) - (\$225/\$450)</td><td>\$ _____</td></tr><tr><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) - (\$510/\$1,020.00)</td><td>\$ <u>1,020.00</u></td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) - (\$795/\$1,590)</td><td>\$ _____</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) - (\$1,080/\$2,160)</td><td>\$ _____</td></tr></table> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A check to cover the fee is enclosed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number <u>19-2380</u></p> <p>I am the <input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a). Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a) _____</p> <p>WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p> <p><u>May 9, 2005</u> Date</p> <p><u>[Signature]</u> Signature</p> <p>Marc S. Kaufman, Reg. No. 35,212</p> <p>NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total of 1 form is submitted.</p>				<input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) - (\$60/\$120)	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) - (\$225/\$450)	\$ _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) - (\$510/\$1,020.00)	\$ <u>1,020.00</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) - (\$795/\$1,590)	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) - (\$1,080/\$2,160)	\$ _____
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